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MEMBER STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CALIFORNIA'S TAX BOARD

March 22, 2012

Senator Lois Wolk California State Senate State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1548 (Wyland)

Dear Senator Wolk:

I am writing to express my strong **support** for Senate Bill 1548.

SB 1548 would amend and repeal sections of the Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC) to delete the January 1, 2013, sunset date and make permanent those provisions that allow the Board of Equalization's (BOE) to consider offers in compromise from (1) businesses that are not discontinued or transferred if the final liability arises from transactions in which the taxpayer did not receive sales tax reimbursement or use tax, (2) persons liable as successors, and (3) consumers who incurred a use tax liability.

This important program has provided relieve for taxpayers in this difficult economy, allowing them to resolve liabilities without shutting down their businesses. It has been a very effective program for the BOE and we believe it should become a permanent program.

For all the reasons stated I am in strong support of SB 1548.

Sincerely,

GEORGE RUNNER

cc: Senator Mark Wyland

Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee